

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the enclosed replacement drawings for the informal drawings submitted with the originally filed application. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

The drawings (replacement sheets Figs. 1 and 2) have not been approved. The Examiner claims the drawings include new matter. Applicant's respectfully disagree. Replacement figs. 1 and 2 illustrate matter found in the code of drawing originally filed figures 1, 2A and 2B. Figs 1 and 2 simply place the code for into flow-diagram form. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been objected to due to informalities. The Examiner states that there is no reference to Fig. 1. However, the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 25 begins with "Figure 1 shows...." The Examiner's objection is unclear. Further clarification is required. Entry of the earlier filed specification amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 18-24, 26-29, 31, 32 and 35 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Nattkemper. The rejection is moot since claims 1-25, 26-29 and 35 have been cancelled; claims 25, 31 and 32 have been rewritten in independent form to include any base and intervening claims; and claims 33 and 34 depend from allowable claims 30 and 33, respectively.

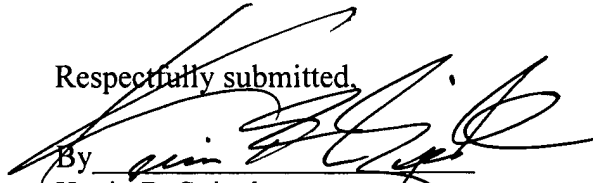
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection

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